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DOES YOUR ULCM use the Inter-Lutheran, or Uniform Topics for study at its monthly meetings? Your meetings aren't really worth much if they don't provide the men with an opportunity to come to grips with issues of vital concern in the church's life.

This month's cover serves to focus attention on the topic for September, "The Order for Marriage." Part of the 1960 *series entitled "Power Through Worship," it was prepared by the ULC's Pastor Herbert N. Gibney of Hempstead, New York, one of a dozen writers from a number of Lutheran bodies participating.*

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If your group does not use these topics, we suggest that you get started right away with this one for September. Each month's topic is published the month before in LUTHERAN MEN. *Make plans now to use the Inter-Lutheran Topics to educate and stimulate your members with a church-centered monthly program.*

—G.T.

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Protestant Men of the Chapel

by ROBERT G. MAYFIELD

Unique Movement in Europe changes religious life of service families

DURING the month of March and the first part of April 1960 I had the privilege of serving as the speaker for the spring rallies scheduled for the Protestant Men of the Chapel Movement in the military forces in Europe. This was a series of eighteen formal evening meetings where Protestant men were brought together in the various military posts for a men's rally. These meetings began on the west coast of France at LaRochelle and were held at the various army posts across the central part of France and from the northern to the southern part of Germany and into northern Italy.

A team of four persons was making this series of rallies. We had a driver of a military vehicle, a civilian employee of the chaplains' division who handled the book display, a chaplain who served official host, and myself as the speak One of the wonderful sidelights of t trip was the opportunity to drive acr France, Germany and northern Italy. was a most interesting, delightful t even though exhausting because of t heavy schedule involved in speaking a consultation. There were many meetin in addition to the formal rallies sche uled, such as speaking in chapel servi and in smaller groups when they w brought together over the lunch or d ner table.

One of the very positive impressi I formed as I participated in these ral was that we have a highly efficient, w trained army representing the Uni States in Europe. The quality of officer and enlisted man now is far perior to what I knew when I ser on two tours of active duty. The mor and spirit of the men is also far super This efficiency and confidence are

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hop Otto Dibelius received an honorary membership card to the Protestant Men of Chapel last December after addressing 1,000 German and American Protestants at Berlin Community Chapel. Presentation was made by Lieutenant Colonel C. I. Olsen, sident of the Berlin Command PMOC of Staten Island, N. Y.

ited in their work and in their rela- ıship with the people of the country ere they are stationed. The U. S. Army sonnel on the whole are good ambas- ors for Christian America.

was particularly impressed with the lity of men in the Chaplain Corps at present time. I did not meet a single individual chaplain who I felt was just an average person in the performance of his duties and responsibilities. Every one of them was keen, alert and extremely sensitive to the spiritual needs of the men under his responsibility. The number of chaplains on active duty is determined by the number of military

men in the unit to which they are assigned. In an overseas army installation the chaplain, through his chapel program, has the responsibility of taking care of the spiritual needs of not only the military men themselves, but of their families. As a result, we have far too few chaplains on active duty to meet adequately the spiritual needs of all the people who seek their help and guidance through the chapel program. Every chaplain I met was a man who was working long hours every day under trying conditions to serve as a shepherd and ambassador for his Lord. Although my contact was primarily with the Protestant chaplains in the army I was advised that the same situation exists in reference to both the Catholic and Jewish chaplains.

American families, while in the military service stationed in Europe, go to church at the chapel about like they do in the continental United States. On most Sundays there is a good attendance at the chapel services, but there are times when beautiful Sundays come along in the spring or early summer and the attendance drops off. The American family seems to take to the road and the outdoors much the same as it does in America. On the whole, however, there is a remarkably good attendance at all chapel services. Both husbands and wives as well as the youth participate in the activities and the program of the chapel, which seeks to develop the spiritual life of its constituency the same as a Protestant church here.

The most significant change that I noticed in regard to the spiritual life of military personnel today as compared to ten or fifteen years ago was the attitude of many of the commanding officers. When serving in the army I had a feeling that many commanding officers sort of tolerated the existence of t chaplain and his program for the sp itual development of the people becau such a program was required under m tary regulations. Today, I feel sure th our commanding officers in the army a convinced that the spiritual life of th men is an essential part of their develc ment as citizen soldiers. Time after ti chaplains reported to me when I wou ask that the commanding officer give t priority to the activities and the progra of the chapel and many times traini maneuvers and exercises were adjust to cause the least amount of interferen with this chapel program. Also, many chaplain told me that his commandi officer was in church every Sunday gardless of his duties and the respon bilities which he had had to perfo during the previous week or conte plated for the week ahead. Both offi and enlisted man seem to be deeply c cerned about spiritual values and th is a definite hunger among our milit personnel to know more about the sp itual values and what is involved in dedication of a person's life when makes a decision for Christ.

One very positive impression I ceived while on this trip was that military people—both officer and enlis man—feel that the home church back continental United States has forgot its military people when they have g into the service and particularly w they have been transferred to an ov seas post. Time and again they compl that the churches in America are f getting them. The chaplains are dee concerned about this.

Through the Protestant Men of Chapel Movement they are trying to h the interest of these young men women who came out of Christian ho

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ipel programs to bring those who come
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not Christian to a decision for Christ,
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continental United States would keep
regular contact, it would be a great
p in holding the interest of these
ung people and in stimulating those
the outside of the church to make a
cision for Christ. This is true regard-
s of the denomination. All of our
urches should be more conscious of
ir military personnel, do more to hold
m and then to reach out to get others
Christ through the chapel program.
The Protestant Men of the Chapel is
novement which began among military
rsonnel stationed in Europe about
en or eight years ago. Their aims
: Lead men to accept Christ as
viour and Lord; teach men the history,
aims and the program of the chapel,
built on a solid foundation of worship
l Bible study; develop men in the skills
prayer, evangelism, stewardship, teach-
, and social service—against a back-
und of personal spiritual development;
gage men in the work of the chapel
keeping with their abilities, interest,
l time schedule. This movement seems
have sprung from the grass roots
hin the military establishment and
se because men of Christian convic-
n wanted to find more avenues of ex-
ssing their love in actively working
build the Kingdom of God.

The movement has officers elected
m military posts all over Europe.
National officers this year are headed by Lieutenant General Paul D. Adams, Commanding General, 5th U.S. Army Corps, as the honorary president; Major General Lloyd Moses, Commanding General of the 8th Infantry Division, as the president of the movement. The continent of Europe is divided into districts and each district has its officers and then each local chapter and an army chapel has its set of officers as well. The rallies for which I spoke this spring are an annual event and are held on a district level in France, Germany and northern Italy. There is a potential of approximately 50,000 Protestant men for this movement and in the rallies we reached about 10,000 of these through the scheduled meetings which had been set up for a period of 35 days.

Army regulations provide that every man shall be given opportunities to become better informed and more active in the work of the chapel. The result will be evident in the lives of individual men and the strengthening of the army to accomplish its mission. "Commanders are responsible for the religious life of the personnel of their command. To insure the effectiveness of religious services held in their command, commanders will give such service as a due share of their attention." Many times the chaplains told me that their commanding officers gave first priority to the services as well as the activities of the chapel in order that the men might have an opportunity to fully participate in the spiritual activities of the command.

When I served in the army the religious activities within the military post were practically always confined to the holding of a religious service on Sunday morning and the counseling of the chaplain with those who sought his advice.

Today, each chapel that I observed in Europe had a full orbit of activities designed to strengthen and develop the spiritual life of the soldiers and their families. They had well-planned programs that afforded opportunity for all members of the family to have a part in the building of the Kingdom. Many chapels have mid-week prayer services and a good many of them have Sund evening worship services which are l formal than the Sunday morning se ices. These mid-week prayer services f quently are led by the laymen, and cha lains reported outstanding work be done by dedicated men and women this field of Christian experience a service.

Faith

LAST TIME you passed a car near the top of a hill on a two-lane highway you may have asked yourself why you did it (after you were back on the safe side). Chances are you did it because a) you were in a hurry, b) the car ahead of you was a slowpoke, and c) you were reasonably sure that no other car was coming from the opposite direction.

This you believed, and the fact that you read this proves you were right. But you didn't know. You would have needed X-ray vision or ESP (extrasensory perception) to know who was where on the other side of the hill, including the state police.

Next time you say "I believe in God the Father Almighty" in church, ask yourself why you say it (after you're back home). Chances are you said it because a) you learned the Creed in Sunday school, b) everybody else says it, and c) you're reasonably sure that the Creed sums up the essential ingredients of your religious belief.

This you believe but you can't prove you're right. Neither X-ray vision (studying the Bible, philosophy, science or space) nor ESP (cloistering yourself in spiritual exercises) can make you see God. Like in your other beliefs you can only trust you're right. The God who remains hidden to your eyes cannot be proven.

But you can know the God who revealed himself in Christ. In this revelation, God confronts us by offering his love to sinful man. This revelation you're free to accept or reject.

But if you're aware of your desperate need of such assurance of forgiveness that sets you free and draws you into the circle of all people bound together by this love of God, you'll be past the stage of wanting to be right. You'll know that while you'll never be right, God is. It's at this point that religious belief becomes faith.

—by Robert E. Huldschiner

GETTYSBURG

by RAYMOND S. DAVIS

Established in 1832, G-burg is "the oldest Lutheran College in America."

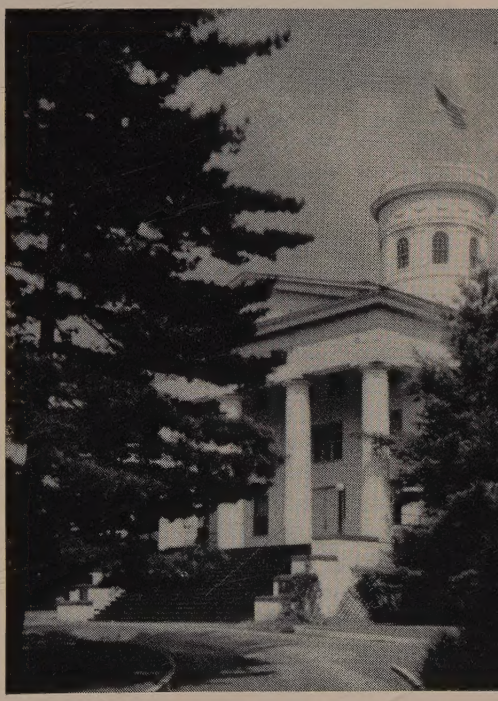
Gettysburg College, dedicated to liberal arts and sciences since 1832, s continued to fulfill the primary ob- tive of its founders, "to train men d women as leaders who will preserve s civilization with its emphasis on the nity of the individual as a being cre- d in the image of God."

Chartered in 1832 as "Pennsylvania llege of Gettysburg," the first Lutheran lege in America, the present name was icially adopted in 1921.

From its modest beginning in the first ilding erected in 1837, Pennsylvania ll known as "Old Dorm," Gettysburg s expanded its campus to the present acres and 36 buildings.

Likewise the curriculum has been ex- nded and the faculty and staff, now mbering 150, augmented to keep pace h increased enrollment. The enroll- nt reached its highest peak last Sep- nber with a total of 1,624 students, of ich 526 were women.

The largest number of students come m Pennsylvania, followed numerically New Jersey, New York and Mary- d. Nine other states and the District Columbia are represented in the stu- nt body. Foreign students come from



Focal point of Gettysburg campus is historic "Old Dorm"—still used and soon to be completely renovated.

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President and Mrs. Eisenhower at a college convocation in 1959. Behind Gettysbu President Paul, at podium, is John S. Rice, chairman of the college trustees c secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Iran, Saudi Arabia, Germany, India, Korea and Pakistan.

The student-faculty ratio of 14-1 makes for very desirable personalized instruction.

Located in the south-central part of Pennsylvania, Gettysburg lies in the eastern foothills of the Appalachian mountains in an attractive rural setting of rich farmlands and orchards. It is easily accessible by automobile and bus to nearby Harrisburg the state capital, Baltimore, Washington, Philadelphia and many points of cultural and historical interest, all within a 100-mile radius.

Surrounding the town and college is the famous Gettysburg battlefield, now a national park with over 20 miles of hard surfaced driveways and thousands of monuments, which is yearly visited by nearly a million tourists. President Lincoln delivered his immortal address from a hallowed spot in National Cemetery.

President Eisenhower's farm adjo the national park about four miles sou of the town. While President Eisenhov was convalescing at his Gettysburg fa from a heart attack in 1955, he was t dered the use of the college presider office. Last April President Eisenhov made a major address at the colleg convocation.

The college is fully accredited by ma of the major agencies and holds me bership in Phi Beta Kappa and American Chemical Society. Appro by the American Medical Associat and American Association of Univer Women are additional indications high academic standing. Credits gran by Gettysburg College are accepted face value by other colleges, universi and graduate and professional schools

The College Entrance Examinat Board tests are required of all candid for admission. The college also part

es in the Advanced Placement Pro-
m.

A student may major in any of the
owing fields: Bible, Biology, Chem-
y, Business Administration, Econom-
English, History, Health and Physi-
Education, Languages, Mathematics,
isic, Philosophy, Psychology, Physics,
litical Science and Sociology. Minors
offered in Fine Arts, Speech, Edu-
ion and ROTC.

Army and Air Force ROTC programs,
ic and advanced, leading to commis-
ns are available to qualified students.
ttysburg was the first independent col-
e to have an Army ROTC, the out-
wth of a Reserve Officers Training
it organized in 1916 at the outbreak
hostilities precipitating World War I.
Air Force ROTC was added follow-
World War II. Since World War I,
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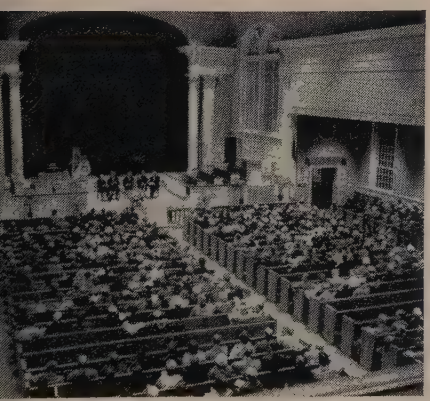
merous among the many distinguished
h ranking officers in the different
anches of military service.

The religious life of the student body
encouraged by chapel attendance, sea-



rist Chapel on the campus—used often
convocations, conventions (including
t of the Central Pennsylvania Synod),
d other special events.

sonal observances, Religious Emphasis Week, and the Student Christian Association under direction of the college chaplain.

The Gettysburg College Choir, founded 25 years ago by Professor Parker M. Wagnild who is still its director, has toured annually throughout the East and Southwest and in 1957 appeared before the Lutheran World Federation Assembly in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The 60-voice choir has elicited high praise from musical critics wherever it has given a concert.

Guest lecturers, artists, concerts and special convocations provide cultural advantages throughout the college year.

Fraternities at Gettysburg have long occupied a well-recognized position of value. Several of them have been on the campus since Civil War days and most of them have made worthwhile contributions to national fraternity development. At present there are 13 national fraternities and seven sororities on the campus.

In athletics, Gettysburg is a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, Eastern College Athletic Conference, and Middle Atlantic States Conference. The college conducts the following intercollegiate sports: football, soccer, basketball, wrestling, baseball, track, tennis, lacrosse, swimming, cross country, golf, girls' field hockey.

Through the promotion of intercollegiate, intramural and recreational sports, practically every student has an opportunity for physical development.

The Woman's League of Gettysburg College, with a fellowship of nearly 6,000 consecrated women, has aided the college spiritually, morally and financially since it was founded in 1908.

The League has contributed during

this period a third of a million dollars. Among its major accomplishments are: Weidensall Hall erected in 1922; an endowment fund for Student Christian Association work established in 1935; adapted the former Gettysburg Academy buildings for use as women's dormitories and contributed $10,000 toward furnishing rooms for girls in 1948; the organ and a window in Christ Chapel in 1953; transformed Brua Hall into a modernized music building and established a music department in 1951; completed remodeling of Brua Hall interior for improved facilities for the music department in 1958.

The League is now engaged in raising $50,000 for furnishings in the new Student Union building.

Gettysburg reached a new high in academic achievement, enrollment, staff and physical equipment since Willard S. Paul became President in 1956. A retired Lieutenant General, U. S. Army, and former Personnel Chief under General Dwight D. Eisenhower, he also served on the staffs of Generals Marshall and Bradley. General Paul trained and commanded the 26th Infantry Division which fought in Europe during World War II. He retired from the Army in January 1949 and then held high echelon positions in the Defense Department, Amer can Red Cross, and Office of Defen Mobilization until he assumed the pre idency of Gettysburg College.

President Paul has initiated and ca ried out the largest building program the college's history costing three a one-half million dollars. Completed ready are five new dormitories, a dini hall, and student union building. No under construction is a new infirma and McKnight Hall, formerly used as men's dormitory, is being converted in a language building.

Faculty and staff salaries have be increased and other benefits added und President Paul's administration.

New construction scheduled for 19 includes a science hall, two wings to added to the present library, and on half of a physical education building.

The physical equipment of the colle is valued at $9,000,000. Under Pre dent Paul, the college in 1959 launch a fund campaign for five million doll over a five-year period.

An avowed advocate to the ideals liberal education, President Paul asser "We believe that the liberal arts is t master key so vital to the expandi process of the mind in a day and age th is limitless".

Lutheran Men Seeking Articles

LUTHERAN MEN—*The Magazine of United Lutheran Church Men*—see acceptable articles for publication. Articles may deal with any subject of conce to the men's auxiliary of the United Lutheran Church or to Lutheran men in gener

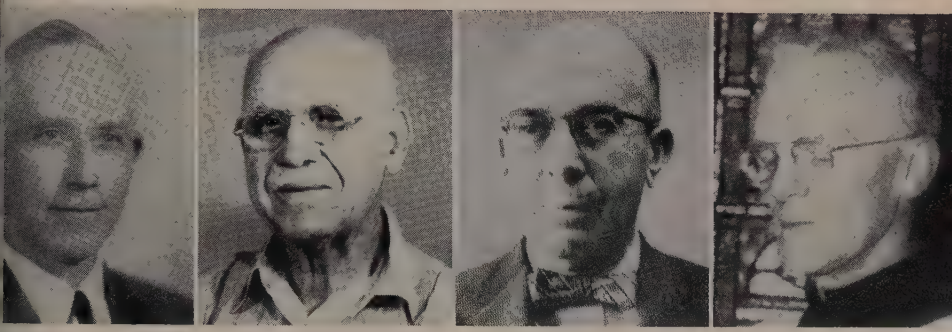
A little over a year ago a committee prepared a "Statement of Editorial Purpos for our magazine. This was published and widely commended as a forward step a as an example for other church publications. It is reprinted on page 27 of this iss Read it and be guided by it in thinking of possible material for publication.

And don't forget: we can always use good photographs, both as illustratio and as individual photo stories.

—Editor

ULCM In Memoriam Memberships

Six Honored in 1959-60



Luther C. Cauble, Martin E. Awtrey, Walter C. Koehler, Sr., John G. Breakwell

LUTHERAN MEN *regrets that pictures were not available of Ralph D. Luke and Martin F. P. Troutman.*

DURING THE past year of 1959-60 six ymen were remembered with In Memo- am memberships in United Lutheran hurch Men. All active and devoted urchmen during their years on earth, o had been residents of Pennsylvania, o of North Carolina, and two of South arolina.

LUTHERAN MEN joins in honoring ese men and their service to their urch by presenting these brief sketches their lives.

artin E. Awtrey

Martin E. Awtrey was born on April , 1871 in Forrest Station, now part of lanta, Ga. At his mother's knee he arned to love God and his righteous- ss. This love grew in him with his ars.

In his youth Awtrey went to Columbia, C., with a crew of electricians and workmen who converted the then mule drawn street car line to the electric car lines. He later married and settled down in Brookland, now West Columbia. Here he came under the influence of the Rev. E. L. Lybrand of Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church.

During 59 years of membership at Mt. Tabor Awtrey served many terms on the church council and regarded as highlights of his life the occasions on which he attended synod conventions. He also was very active in the Sunday school.

He was called home on April 20, 1959, just six days before his 88th birthday.

John G. Breakwell

John Gilbert Breakwell was born June 8, 1891 in England. He was brought to America as a child, later went back to his homeland, and finally returned to this country in his teens. In 1916 he married

Miss Frances Busch. Their marriage was blessed with a son and a daughter.

A consecrated and devoted member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Homestead, Pa., Breakwell was for 35 years a member of its choir. He also was director of the youth choir and held a number of offices on the church council. Active in men's work, too, he was president of the congregational brotherhood, vice president of the conference unit, and president of his local Church Bowling League.

He worked for 46 years for the Homestead Steel Works of the U.S. Steel Corporation, retiring as a supervisor in the machine shop. He was a member of the Homestead Steel Works Chorus.

Breakwell died November 28, 1958, aged 67, while visiting a sister in Long Beach, Calif.

Luther C. Cauble

Luther C. Cauble was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Rowan, N.C. Active in men's work, he was at one time treasurer of the district brotherhood.

In his congregation he served as a councilman and chairman, and was a Sunday school teacher and superintendent for more than 40 years.

He died on July 30, 1958 at age 72. He is memorialized by Mrs. Luther C. Cauble.

Walter C. Koehler, Sr.

Walter C. Koehler, Sr., was born on September 9, 1894. He was an outstanding lay leader at Bethany Lutheran Church, Braddock, Pa., and was treasurer of the Lutheran Student Foundation of Western Pennsylvania.

He was a past president of the Brotherhood (later ULCM) of the Pittsburgh Synod and at the time of his death was chairman of the Full-time Christian Service Committee of the synodical ULCM. In this capacity he served on the uni Executive Committee also.

He was called from this life on Ja uary 8, 1960 at the age of 65, and memorialized by Pittsburgh Syn ULCM.

Ralph D. Luke

Ralph D. Luke, a member of Luke's Lutheran Church, Summervil S.C., was a charter brotherhood memb and president of his congregatio ULCM at the time of his death.

He also was a member of the seni choir and at one time was a Sund school teacher.

He died at the age of 59 on Dece ber 8, 1957, and is memorialized by Luke's ULCM.

Martin F. P. Troutman

Martin F. P. Troutman was born Iradell County in North Carolina on Se tember 6, 1877. He was baptized a confirmed at Holy Trinity Luther Church, Troutman, N.C., later mov to Statesville and transferred his me bership to St. John's.

He served his congregation in a v riety of official capacities including Su day school superintendent and teach congregation treasurer, councilman, b scout committeeman, and several offic in the brotherhood. He was one of t organizers and first president of t North Carolina Luther League.

He was connected with the U.S. P Office Department for 32 years, retiri in ill health in 1936.

In 1910 Troutman was married Margaret McNeely. He died at 72 December 12, 1949 and was surviv by his wife, a son and three daughte He is memorialized by Mrs. M. F. Troutman.

ONE-CARVED "Last Supper" was recently dedicated at the Washington, D. C., athedral (Episcopal) by Bishop Angus Dun. Sculpted by Heinz Warneke for the mpanum over the south transept portal, the work took five years to complete. It is signed to "bring to life" the characters and personalities of Christ and the 12 disples and give fresh insight into their last experience together the night before e crucifixion.

Music, Arts Are Hope for Religious Expression

IF THE CHURCH is to find a new language for a "religionless-world" it will be scovered by those who work in music and the arts. . . . Artists and musicians e the high priests of incarnate expression. . . . Theologians and preachers alone ll not find such a language. It will be done by those who deal in objects and tions, not in words about them. . . . But it must be done first by those who derstand and are at work in the worship of the church. And it can be done clearest all by those who work in music and the arts. They are the authoritative finders new expression. They are able to bring the language of faith in from the boundary-es and make it speak again in the center of things in ways that encompass all ngs.

—The Rev. Dr. Richard H. Luecke, Lutheran pastor to students at Princeton University, at the third annual conference of the Lutheran Society of Worship, Music and the Arts at Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa.

MAN TO MAN

by **LAWRENCE M. REESE**

The Church Stood Still

SOMETIME AGO a religious writer paraphrased a stanza of a favorite hymn as follows:

> Like a mighty army, moves the church of God,
> Brothers we are treading where we've always trod!

Those lines are prophetic. There is little evidence that today's church is growing as it should. Our ULCA showed a net increase of less than 2 percent last year. In some instances we actually show losses.

On the surface there are many factors which may seem to be the cause of our status quo: much of our Lutheran population is in areas where population growth is not great, post-war babies are now at the "drop-out" age, mobility of population which usually brings losses, an economic level of middle-class Lutherans who week-end at their favorite haunts, a competitive society which schedules activities which substitute other organizations for the church, and many other factors.

Below the surface, however, we may have to face up to some more basic problems. Is the church performing its unique and divinely-appointed role? Have we as Christians been successful in communicating what the Good News really is? Could it be that we cling to images of the past which are not effective means for channeling God's grace? A chur school class might be boring you people week after week. A ULCM gro could be meeting for years without fining its purpose. A congregation m be imitating the programs of frater organizations and have little more offer than they do.

There are times when the church see to have magnificent answers to questic which people are not asking! And could be guilty of shielding people fr the reality of what the church actually

Let's Change the Image!

Why not change the popular image the church? Instead of continuing preserve the image that the church a friendly, kindly, charitable (thou often boring) moral polishing agen why not portray the church as the Bo of Christ: God's agency for helping m face reality in life—a reality much mo satisfying than anything he can dev himself.

Do people really understand that t church, through Word and Sacrament, a channel for forgiveness, love, justi faith and hope? Once we realize that G has something to say and something give, we may be able to see the chur in an entirely different light. Worsh study groups, and church activities of us opportunity to find our way in t midst of great decisions, to establish c

lues and goals as God directs. Our re-
ionship with the church also helps us
see ourselves and others as both saints
d sinners in need of God's serving ac-
ity.

But read those last three words again.
od's serving activity may need interpre-
tion. What image do you get from those
ree words? Going to church? Obeying
e golden rule? Developing strong char-
ter? Helping your neighbor? If that's
the image we get on the screen of a
ristian imagination we had better
itch to another channel! God's serving
tivity, which centers in the church, is
constant offer of a more abundant life.
is an offer of leading, guiding and push-
g us into richer relationships and ex-
riences. Through the years these richer
periences give us the things in life we
ant most: faith, love, and hope.

If the church does not grow, inwardly
d outwardly, it could be that we re-
se to let the church do its basic tasks.
ne man said of his church: "Our con-
egation has a knack for majoring in
inors and minoring in majors." We could major in committee meetings, splash parties, mimeographing, and improving facilities when people really need effective preaching, teaching-learning, worship and a challenge to put their faith into practice. When this happens the church may grow as it should, inwardly and outwardly. It will grow because connection leads to action.

What's your image of the church? And does your congregation line up to the image of the true church? Summer's a good time to re-think questions before we assume our roles in the year ahead. Will you and your congregation be "treading where you've always trod" or marching onward? The image you and your fellow-members have of the church will be a determining factor.

When you travel this summer I hope you see many churches in the very middle of towns, villages and cities, steeples or arches pointing to the sky. There's symbolism there. The church points to God and God responds by offering himself in the midst of his people—an offering and a promise which reaches into eternity.

His One Mistake

e brushed his teeth twice a day with a
nationally advertised toothpaste.
ne doctor examined him twice a year.
e wore his rubbers when it rained.
e slept with the windows open.
e stuck to a diet with plenty of fruits
and vegetables.
e relinquished his tonsils and traded in
several wornout glands.
e golfed, but never more than 18 holes
at a time.
e got at least 8 hours sleep every night.
e never drank, smoked, or lost his
temper.

He was all set to live to be a hundred.

The funeral will be held Wednesday.

He is survived by 18 specialists, 4 health institutions, 6 gymnasiums, and numerous manufacturers of health foods and antiseptics.

He forgot God, lived as if this world were all and is now with those who say, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." (Jer. 8:20).

—Author unknown

Views from Headquarters

by J. H. OETGEN

AFTER BEING INSTALLED as Executive Secretary by ULC President Franklin Clark Fry on May 31, I spent two most interesting weeks working with Howard Logan to become informed on the many details of running our ULCM office.

All of us regret seeing Howard Logan leave, but know that he is going to give his talents to other work of our church, and wish him much success.

During the changeover of executive secretaries the two young ladies in our office have been most helpful. To Miss Erika Hoyer and Miss Eunice Anderson we are indebted for their loyal and devoted service.

At its April meeting the Executive Committee, at the request of J. Russell Barley, Chairman of Membership and Extension, took action requesting each conference ULCM to work toward enlisting two additional units before the end of the year.

During September through November each congregational unit is asked to make a self-examination of its purpose. They are asked to review their program with a view toward evaluating the contribution of their men's group to the life of the congregation and its outreach to every man within the congregation. It is suggested that congregational units be encouraged to use the ULCM Man power Mobilization Program which proving most effective. This is not a pr gram to secure members; rather, it a program to strengthen each of the co gregational units. It is hoped that add tional members will be a *byproduct* the program.

President Aubrey Mauney and I a tended the 50th Anniversary Conve tion of the Boy Scouts of America Washington, as is reported elsewhere this issue of LUTHERAN MEN. We learn many things there which will certain be useable in our own scouting progra

Watch the mail next month! Progra helps for 1960-61 are now being pr pared. They will be sent out to congr gational units early in September.

I feel honored that the Executive Co mittee of ULCM has elected me to t post. It is my continuous prayer th God will use me as an effective lead of our men.

Our organization has been moving f ward during the past few years and think we can continue this forward mov ment. We have failed to make the n merical growth we should, but we c overcome this if our units will ta seriously the concern of self-examinati and growth.

At the recent dedication of another ton hotel, one of the chain's leaders l, "If you ask me what makes a great —I'd say it is the spirit of the men o are its leaders."

sn't that true of our men's organiza- n? If we have a real dedication to rist as our Savior, and are interested aving our congregations be the Chris- witness they should be in the com- nity?

Let's speak up with enthusiasm about being Christian. Tell other men in the congregation that you have good ULCM meetings and that you learn about applying your religion in your daily work. Tell them that you learn more about our great church and the functioning of its boards and agencies. Show an interest in other men when they do not attend, and you will *see your unit grow.*

Yes, it can be said that what makes a good ULCM unit is very much the spirit of the men who are its leaders.

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ongregational ULCM Units Chartered during 1960

January 1 thru June 1

Canada—1
nity, New Hamburg

Central Pennsylvania —10
ly Trinity, Lancaster
Paul's, Burnham
ndle Spring, Mechanics- urg
ly Spirit, Lancaster
em, Lincoln
rist, Elizabethtown
ace, Altoona
Matthew's, Martensburg
hlehem, Brodbecks
Mark's, Mechanicsburg

Florida—3
nity, New Smyrna Beach
ormation, Orlando
Matthew's, Arlington

Indiana—1
hany, South Bend

Maryland—3
John's, Rockville
Zion, Feagaville
th, Washington, D.C.

Michigan—1
Stephen's, Lansing

New Jersey—7
Holy Trinity, Caldwell
Christus, Camden
Emmanuel, New Brunswick
Temple, Pennsauken
Grace, Phillipsburg
St. Paul's, Teaneck
Reformation, West Long Branch

New York & New England—3
Third, Rhinebeck
St. John's, Poughkeepsie
St. John's, Lynbrook

Pacific Southwest—12
Mt. Olivet, Lakewood
United, Monterey
Trinity, Manhattan Beach
Redeemer, Garden Grove
Altadena, Altadena
St. Andrew's, San Mateo
Shepherd of Hills, Sierra Madre
Ascension, Baldwin Park
Salem, Whittier
Trinity, Riverside
St. Andrew's, Van Nuys
St. Luke's, Huntington Park

Pennsylvania Ministerium—7
St. Peter's, No. Wales
Trinity, Robesonia
Zion, Old Zionsville
Emmanuel, Pottstown
Grace, Norristown
Christ, Dryville
Trinity, Valley View

Pittsburgh—2
Mt. Lebanon, Pittsburgh
Resurrection, West Deer

South Carolina—1
Holy Comforter, Charleston

Texas & Louisiana—1
Grace, Amarillo

Virginia—5
St. Mark's, Luray
St. Stephen's, Williamsburg
St. Timothy's, Norfolk
Redeemer, McLean
Epiphany, Richmond

Western Canada—1
St. Mark's, Regina, Sask.

NEWS of Men and their Activities

Pittsburgh Synod ULCM convenes at Camp Lutherlyn on September 16-17 with "The Courage to Care" (new ULCM study book) as convention theme. The opening rally will be addressed by the Rev. John W. Pfahler, chaplain of the Lutheran Service Society of Western Pennsylvania. Keynote speaker at the main session will be the Rev. Rufus Cornelsen, director of Social Action of the ULCA Board of Social Missions. ULCM Executive Secretary Jack Oetgen will speak at Saturday evening's fellowship banquet.

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Dr. Philip I. Mitterling, academic dean of *Thiel College,* Greenville, Pa., has been named acting president of the college until such time as the Board of Trustees elects a new president to succeed Dr. Frederic B. Irvin, who recently resigned to become a cultural officer with the U.S. Information Agency.

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Canada Synod ULCM reports that Howard Herter was re-elected president at the auxiliary unit's convention late in May. Other officers elected include: D. Fred Egerdee, first vice president; Ernest Miller, second vice president; Earl Stieler, secretary; Elton Wilker, treasurer. Executive members are the Rev. Pa Eydt, the Rev. Mark Innes, the R Norman Keffer, Marshal Soehner, E Koellner, and Milton Ahrens. J. Russ Barley represented the internation ULCM and the banquet speaker was t Rev. J. Frederick Little, who dwelled the convention theme, "You Have Be Called."

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Students who have been taking p in non-violent sit-in demonstrations lunch counters and libraries in seve states have won the support of the *N tional Council of Churches.* In a stro resolution, the Council's General Boa urged churches and their members to courage merchants to establish servi without discrimination and to supp those who show a willingness to do so

At the same time it urged Christia individually and through their churc and colleges to express sympathetic co cern for these students. The Coun recognizes the orderly demonstrations "expressions of just and righteous ind nation against laws which violate hum personality."

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ULCM of *Indiana* Synod has set annual state convention for October

ITHERAN CHAPLAINS were last month nored upon their retirement with presitation of "certificates of merit and apeciation" by the Rev. E. O. Midboe, left, ecutive secretary of the National Luthan Council's Bureau of Service to Mili-ry Personnel. Chaplains in the photo are my Lt. Col. John R. Strevig, Air Force Col. Charles Lack, Navy Capt. Luther rhart, and Air Force Col. Cecil L. Propst. ere are currently 233 ULC pastors serv-g in the armed forces as chaplains; 98 of em are on active duty.

Holy Trinity Church, Lafayette, the v. Henry C. Stolldorf, pastor. This oup's executive board last month voted resume active participation in its Re-lving Fund program. Synod President M. Wick is helping develop this id.

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The Fifth National Jamboree of the *y Scouts of America* was held at Col-ado Springs, Colo., July 22-28. The nboree attracted thousands of boys m all over the United States with a inkling of boys from many of the eign countries of the world. Many theran boys attended the Jamboree d two services were held for the boys one for Missouri Synod boys and one those of the National Lutheran Coun-churches. The Jamboree was one of many events highlighting the 50th anniversary of boy scouting in the U. S.

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Dr. A. E. Iverson, Director of Protestant Relationships for the BSA, reported recently a 1959 total of Lutheran scout units of 5,639. This was an increase of 233 units. This figure includes units of all the Lutheran bodies in the U. S. divided as follows: 1,745 Cub packs; 2,954 Scout troops, 940 Explorer posts. Religious bodies in the U. S. sponsor 50.1 per cent of the 129,097 scouting units serving more than 3,500,000 boys. The Methodist church leads the religious groups with 13,221 units, second is the Roman Catholic church with 12,686 units, third is the Baptist church with 7,291 units, and the Presbyterian church is fourth with 7,190 units. More than 7,100 Pro Deo et Patria awards have been granted by the National Lutheran Committee on Scouting since the inception of the award.

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The *Pittsburgh* Synod this year gave citations to three of its outstanding lay persons. These citations were granted at the annual convention of the synod held at Thiel College. One of the recipients was William E. Pfister, Grace Lutheran Church, Erie, Pa., and third vice president of the Pittsburgh Synod ULCM.

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Speaking recently at the New York University Law Center, *Bishop Hanns Lilje* of the Evangelical Church of Hannover, Germany, told students that dictatorship is the final point in the absolutizing of man.

"Therefore," he said, "if man shall be saved from the evil effects of dictatorial arbitrariness, we must look for the divine foundation of all human authority,

which from the Christian perspective is based on man's responsibility to God."

In a four-point analysis of authority, Bishop Lilje pointed out its ingredients as precision of purpose, precision of language, a human touch, and an element of success. Success, he said, must not be overemphasized, for excessive stress on success would tend to deprive authority of any moral and ethical qualities.

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United Church Men will hold a Men's Assembly in connection with the General Assembly of NCCCUSA to be h in San Francisco, Calif., Dec. 3-4, 19 All men in the San Francisco area invited to attend. Watch the newspap for further announcements concerni the meeting. Program details will given later.

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Indiana Synod ULCM held its ann Retreat at Camp Lutherwald in Ju Retreat Chaplain was Curtis A. Johns a middler at Chicago Lutheran Semina The Retreat Leader was Robert C. Lo Dean of Students at Wittenberg Univ sity. Other participants in the progr

VICTIMS OF NATURE were two Lutheran churches—one in North America and in South America. **Left:** St. Peter's (Mo.) of New Memphis, Ill., was demolished b hedge-hopping tornado, although its steeple was freakishly left standing. Built 1893, the church had recently been redecorated and a new pipe organ instal **Right:** In Puerto Montt, Chile, the southernmost parish of the Lutheran world, 70-year-old wooden church was severely damaged by the earthquake disaster its parsonage was reduced to a heap of rubble. Lutheran World Relief has alre pumped some $235,000 into Chilean relief following the earthquake.

luded the Rev. Allen K. Trout, Robert nbaugh and Pete Miller.

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The Southern Conference ULCM of *cific Southwest* Synod held its Spring treat at Camp Yolijwa in late June. is conference holds two retreats each ar. Werner P. Schneider of Hollywood he president.

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President Mauney and Executive Sec- ary Oetgen attended the Golden Jubi- annual meeting of the National uncil of the *Boy Scouts of America* d at Washington, D. C. Both of the CM leaders attended the Lutheran akfast held in connection with the eting and sponsored by the Lutheran otherhood Life Insurance Society. The v. Frans Victorson, Chairman of the tional Lutheran Committee on Scout- , presided. Mr. Oetgen also visited headquarters of the BSA at New unswick during June.

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New associate director of evangelism the ULCA is the Rev. *Michael C. D. Daniel* of Ascension Church, Savan- h, Ga. He asumes his new duties on otember 1, succeeding Dr. Walter E. ck who resigned to become pastor of Peter's, New York City.

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Officers of newly-chartered ULCM of *Paul's, Burlington, N. C.* are: George ey, president; Baxter Thomas, vice sident; Bobby O'Neal, secretary.

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Annual spring meeting of Chicago nference of *Illinois* Synod ULCM was d in late May at St. Luke's, Elmhurst, tor Luther Y. Seibert. Speaker was A. Anderson, past president of the odical ULCM, who addressed the

SERVING THE NEEDS of Chinese refugees is this new mobile dental clinic of the Lutheran World Federation World Service Department in Hong Kong. The clinic is supplied with complete dental equipment as well as a dentist, a nurse and a driver. It visits a different area of the city each day, plugging into electrical and water lines arranged for by the city.

group on "Our Organization, Our Finances, Our Program."

Earlier in the month the men held a retreat at Camp Alpine. Retreat master was Pastor Dick Peterman of the synod office. He was assisted by Pastor Seibert and Pastor Donald Stoughton.

Illinois' 42nd annual convention will take place September 24 at St. John's, Sterling, where Dr. A. L. Grewe, pastor, is aided by Assistant Pastor D. McCleary. General chairman John O. Crofton and the congregational ULCM are laying plans for the best Illinois convention yet. Banquet speaker will be Dr. Armin G. Weng, president of Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary and former president of synod.

—Marvin Hildbold

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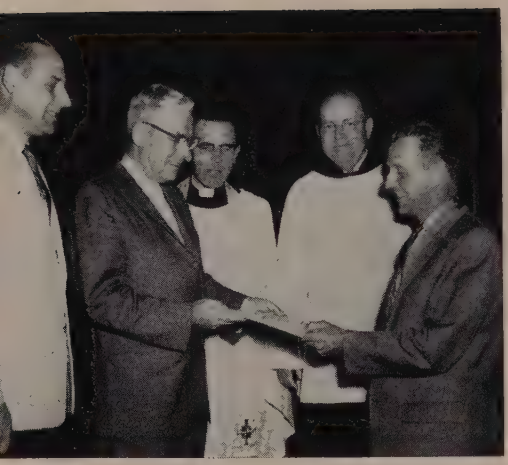
California Lutheran College, in which the ULCA is participating with other



Lamb Award is received by Donald S. Kisthart, at right. Others in photo are: Leonard Ziegler, chairman of the special awards committee; Richard H. Snell, president of the synodical unit and secretary of the parent ULCM; Christ Church's Pastor Allen H. Roth; John G. Walters, president of Hazleton District ULCM and a member of the choir at Christ Church.

Two United Lutherans Receive Lamb Awards

The Lamb Award, highest Luther award for outstanding work in boy sco ing on the leadership level, was presen to two United Lutheran laymen dur the month of June.

On June 19 Donald S. Kisthart Christ Church, Hazleton, Pa. received award from Ministerium of Pennsylva ULCM President Richard H. Snell. K hart is assistant scoutmaster at Ch Church and a former councilman.

Charles M. Hoover of Mt. Leba Church, Pittsburgh, Pa. was presen with the award on June 26. The rec ent was escorted to the chancel by M. Van Cleve, secretary of Pittsbu Synod ULCM, and presentation made by Mt. Lebanon's pastor, the R Charles A. Hackenberg. Hoover largely responsible for the recent char ing of a ULCM unit in his congregati

Other Lamb Awards to men of ULCA will be reported during the n few months and LUTHERAN MEN pl to publish all awardees' pictures al with their citations.

Lutheran bodies, will open its doors in 1961 at Thousand Oaks, Calif. The first year will see only freshman and sophomore classes, with the other two to be added in the following two years. President Orville Dahl and the admissions office are accepting applications for admission now.

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The reorganized ULCM at *Holy Trinity, Atlanta, Ga.*, recently elected these officers: Kenneth L. Kelly, president; Wayne W. Wilkinson, vice president; David E. Shaft, secretary-treasurer. Dave Blomstrom spoke on ULCM's 10 objectives and installed the officers.

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Dr. Ralph W. Loew, pastor of Holy Trinity, Buffalo, N. Y. is writer of a new religious column of the NEA (Ne paper Enterprise Association). Entit "Finding the Way," the weekly se began publication in several hund newspapers on July 2. Herbert W. W er, president of the NEA, is a Un Lutheran layman and member of PR Consulting Committee.

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ULCM of *Pennsylvania Minister* holds its annual pilgrimage for pros tive ministerial students at Mt. A Seminary, Philadelphia, on Satur September 17.

SCOUTING

by CHARLES W. BYERS

Serving More Boys in the Golden Jubilee Year

IN THE Golden Jubilee Year of Boy uting United Lutheran Church Men challenged to provide more oppor- ities for boys to be scouts through the anization of more Cub Packs, Boy ut Troops, and Explorer units. The stion to answer is, "Are you now rtering the whole scout family?" If answer is "Yes," your men's group to be commended. If the answer is o," why not appoint an organizing nmittee at your next meeting?

ong Chartered Institutions

United Lutheran Church Men has the ponsibility for the administration, dership, and successful operation of scouting units. The job can be ac- nplished best by sharing in the Boy ut local council and district opera- h. Your Institutional Representative is key man in ULCM and scouting re- onships. He can help your Scouting mmittees by promoting Pack and op recruiting plans and the fall ndup for membership, and by giving ir units an opportunity to partici- e in the Community Service Area n. This November a national program "Get Out The Vote" will be held. This gram gives scouts an opportunity to ve as participating citizens today.

Organization & Extension Opportunities

United Lutheran Church Men units have a great opportunity to help other men's groups near them in the organization of new scouting units. Your local council has organization literature and volunteers who will help in a friendship visit to your neighboring men's groups. Visiting and helping others opens the door to new friendships and satisfying experiences in service to others. The church has long recognized the contributions of Lutheran men in this type of service to the church and scouting, and makes such service a part of the requirements for the Lamb Award.

Promoting the Religious Award

Through the formation of new units the promotion of the Pro Deo et Patria award should be included. The religious life of the boys should be provided for throughout the year. Summer camp is no exception; religious needs should be met in camps and activities. Church school and church activities should not be neglected.

The Pro Deo et Patria award is explained in a pamphlet prepared by the National Lutheran Committee on Scouting. Copies may be secured through your local council office.

Outreach to All Boys

Three-fourths of all boys express a desire to become scouts. The program is

designed to reach all boys in urban, rural, and suburban areas—to reach increased numbers of less-chance, physically and mentally handicapped boys.

This creates a new challenge to many men's groups—"To serve all boys." Surveys can be made by members of your men's groups to "learn the facts" and then to "make the plan."

Jamboree

The Fifth National Jamboree was held at Colorado Springs, Colorado, July 22-28 with over 50,000 boys attending. If your troop or post had a boy attending, don't overlook the opportunity to hear of the Jamboree experience upon his return. The Jamboree program celebrated the Jubilee Year and Jamboree scouts had a display of "Friendship Exchanges" and an enthusiasm for scouting at its best.

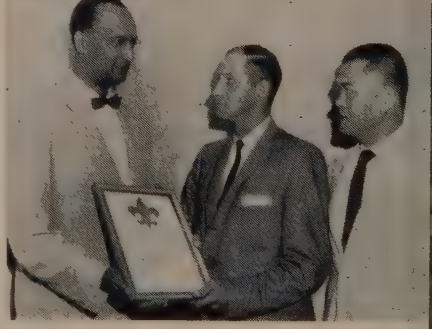
World Brotherhood

Scouts from other countries visited the Jamboree and scouts made new international friends. Scouts and scout units are planning to build "Bridges of Friendship" through correspondence and scrapbook exchanges. This will be a project for all scout units whether they attended the Jamboree or not. World friendships and international hospitality will be one of the highlights of the Jubilee Year of Scouting.

During the weekend of July 23-24 scouts not attending the Jamboree joined in the celebration through participation in Scout Camporees, Explorer Field Days and Cub Jubilees.

The theme of the Boy Scouts of America "For God and Country" is not merely a five-word phrase but it is a program of action. Our share, as United Lutheran Church Men, is to see to it that as many boys as possible partici-

TWO BSA CITATIONS were recent awarded for "significant service to Ame can youth through scouting." **Above:** I A. E. Iverson, director of Protestant rel tionships and an American Lutheran pc tor, makes the presentation to the Re Frans Victorson of Saron Lutheran Churc St. Joseph, Mich. E. H. Bakken, director the BSA Division of Relationships, is right. **Below:** Emerson D. James, assistc director of Interracial Service, prese certificate to Dr. J. Oscar Lee, executi director, for the National Council Churches Department of Racial and C tural Relations. Dr. S. Garry Oniki, ass ciate director of the NCC department, at right.



pate in the program. Scouting and United Lutheran Church then form great partnership in character buildi citizenship training, and in teaching b to be self-reliant.

STATEMENT OF EDITORIAL PURPOSE

LUTHERAN MEN is the official publication of United Lutheran Church Men, auxiliary of the United Lutheran Church in America. As such it exists to serve the program of ULCM, which in essence is neither more nor less than the whole program of the ULCA. The magazine, therefore, is a service operation of ULCM leadership for the church-at-large. A magazine for men, it seeks particularly to aid the distinctly male constituency of the church in its search for the Christian vocation.

In order to carry out these broad aims LUTHERAN MEN publishes articles concerning the work of the church-at-large, its boards, agencies and institutions. It publishes devotional articles and study topics to assist congregational leaders in church-related programming. By publishing articles specifically dealing with congregational —administrative and organizational—matters it wishes to assist church councilmen in carrying out their several tasks. It publishes news and information about men's activities in general as well as ULCM in particular, acting as an interchange of ideas and experiences.

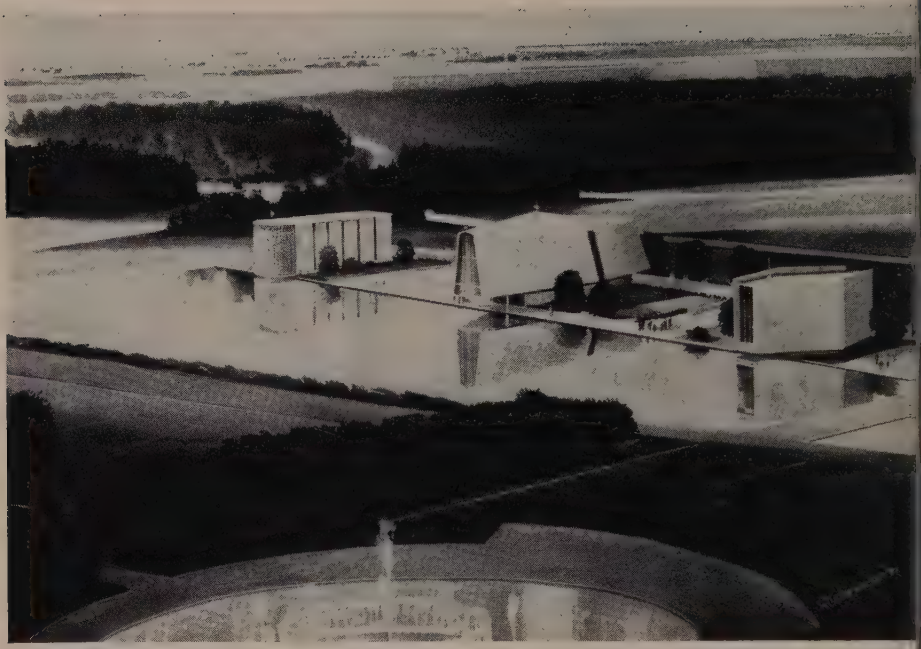
It attempts, by featuring human interest stories and pictures, to instill in Lutheran men an appreciation of their heritage and of the achievements and contributions of other Lutheran men in the various pursuits of life. Alert to the special implications of Christian social responsibility LUTHERAN MEN anticipates extended cooperation with the ULCA Board of Social Missions, particularly concerning the program of Faith and Life Institutes, by publishing material relative to this area of work.

As a journal of stimulation LUTHERAN MEN, further, recognizes the Christian's authority over himself—his right to think and to speak for himself—and endeavors to be a medium of expression of the churchman's independent thought. It, therefore, invites all sincere Christian men to submit articles and opinions for publication.

LUTHERAN MEN undertakes always to present its subscribers with the best quality and most timely material available—in the most attractive and fitting form at its disposal. In common with this policy it awards modest honoraria for articles of particular merit and encourages an increasingly wider readership among men of the Lutheran Church. Only when Lutheran men read LUTHERAN MEN can its impact be effective.

Norwalk, Conn.
18 July 1959

—Hans P. Treuenfels
Eugene H. Kelchner
Howard L. Logan
George R. F. Tamke



NEW YORK'S Idlewild International Airport will soon have a Chapel Plaza for Prote ant, Roman Catholic and Jewish places of worship situated on a lagoon—here visu ized in an artist's conception. Existing Our Lady of the Skies Roman Catholic cha built in 1955 on another site, is to be demolished and a new structure erected. C struction had not begun on the other two chapels. The new plan, announced by Port of New York Authority, has been given warm approval by the three religi sponsors.

Looking at colleges this summer? See SUSQUEHANNA in the beautiful Susquehanna Valley of Central Pennsylvania . . . United Lutheran . . . coed . . . Liberal Arts, Music and Business . . . fully accredited

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The Order for Marriage

by HERBERT N. GIBNEY

Most people have a clergyman solemnize their marriage. The vast majority of these are married in church. Folks who rarely come to church as well as faithful church members seem to desire that their weddings take place in a Christian setting. Why? Why do most people come to a pastor instead of a justice, judge, or town clerk? What is the significance and the purpose of the marriage service?

This topic will seek to stimulate the answers to these questions using as its basis the Order for Marriage in the new Service Book and Hymnal *of the Lutheran Church in America.*

he Fine Print

AT THE TOP of page 270 in small, bold e are the rubrics for the marriage vice. Rubrics mean rules. They used be printed in red and that's how they their name. They are red-letter words, n overlooked today, but very imtant.

hould a pastor officiate at any wedg? The first rubric gives definite guide on this. He may only solemnize se marriages where he is "convinced God's blessing may properly be ed upon it." Most pastors today spend n one to five hours with every couple, ore their marriage, counseling with n. Ask your pastor to tell the group *briefly* the topics he covers in his premarital counseling. (Source material: Statements 6, 7, and 8 of "Summary Statements on Marriage and Family Life" of the ULCA).

Publishing the banns is an old custom that started in the days before the government issued marriage licenses. It gave notice of an impending marriage and an opportunity for the presentation of legal objections. Today, while still read in this form, this is not the main purpose. Reading the banns announces the marriage and calls upon the congregation to pray for the couple. Marriage is not just the business of two people in love. It involves many others—parents, relatives, friends, the congregation, the community. They all have a stake in every marriage, even if the couple is not known to them. The banns are a call to prayer because as members of the Body of Christ we are

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he Rev. Herbert N. Gibney is pastor of Lutheran Church of the Epiphany LCA) in Hempstead, New York. This is Inter-Lutheran topic for September.

involved in every marriage solemnized by our pastor. (Source material: Pp. 46-48 in *The Recovery of Family Life* by Elton and Pauline Trueblood, and pp. 46-54 in *The Common Ventures of Life* by Elton Trueblood.)

Discuss the third rubric. The church is the natural place for a wedding to be solemnized. It need not be a so-called "big" wedding. Two people and their witnesses standing before God's altar are sufficient. It is also perfectly proper to have other attendants, a soloist, wedding gowns, etc. But let due reverence be observed at rehearsal and at the marria service. The music played or sung m be Christian, not the latest love song some operatic ballad which "everybo has at their weddings." The photograp has his place *after* the service is finish The pastor should approve all music a other arrangements before they definitely set, explaining to the couple the pre-marital interview the reverer and Christian atmosphere which sho prevail.

Strange things are done at weddin Ask your pastor to relate several of

The Inter-Lutheran Topic for September

Aims

1. To extol the sacred bond which is established in marriage.
2. To have the men understand the necessity for and the nature of premarital counseling.
3. To give the men a detailed explanation of the Order for Marriage.
4. To explain the church's part in the solemnization of marriage.
5. To discuss the items of "due reverence" and "secular music" mentioned in the rubrics on page 270.

Suggestions for a Devotional Service

The Order for Marriage in the *Service Book and Hymnal* will provide sufficient material for the devotional part of the program. It could be read in a reverent fashion either by the pastor, if he is attending the meeting, or by the discussion leader. The men should ponder the words in a reflective mood during the reading, the entire group then joining in with the praying of the Lord's Prayer when this point in the service is reached.

"O perfect Love, all human thought transcending" (No. 300) is a suitable hymn with which to begin your devotional service.

Questions for Discussion

1. What would you consider as items of importance for pre-marital counseling?
2. What's wrong with having a photographer take pictures during the marriage service?
3. How much instruction concerning the sexual relationship in marriage should be given by the pastor?
4. Is a clergyman absolutely necessary for a valid marriage? Is any official necessary who has the legal right to "perform marriages"? If such persons are not necessary, why is it desirable to have the wedding service of the church?
5. If the good Christian music advocated by the church has no "meaning" for the bride and groom, is it proper for the church to oppose the use of other music?

eriences which may illustrate how ple "use" the church in non-Christian s. (Source material: Statement 10 of mmary Statements." Send to the Detment of Worship of the ULCA for a of suggested wedding music.)

d's Word Concerning Marriage

On page 270 and the top of 271 are eral quotations from the Bible conning marriage. The marriage service ins with these for since *"marriage is oly estate" . . . "it becometh those who er therein to weigh, with reverent ids, what the Word of God teacheth cerning it."* There are four paraphs. Each buzz group might take one two for its discussion.

Paragraph one, *"The Lord God said."* rriage provides companionship, each tner contributing his or her own distive personality, interests, and atutes. Ideally this provides a complenting of each other so that there is ness and completion. What makes od companionship in marriage? What good balance of similarities and difences between the marriage partners? urce material: Pp. 29-31, 80-82 of e *Modern Book of Marriage* by Dr. na Levine; pp. 55-72 of *Whom God th Joined* by David P. Mace; statent 1 of "Summary Statements.")

Paragraph two, *"Our Lord Jesus rist said."* The sexual relationship is he foundation of all marriages. Much been written concerning this in the t thirty years, some of which is good some pure trash or nonsense. Chrisns contemplating marriage should unstand that the sexual relationship is ained of God just as are all the other ects of marriage. Approaching mare with healthy attitudes toward the ual relationship and accurate knowledge about it is essential to a good, Christian marriage. (Source material: "Statements 2, 3, 4 of "Summary Statements" and pp. 10-17 of "Christian Guidance on Marriage and Family Life;" pp. 65-124 in *The Modern Book of Marriage; Sex Without Fear* by Dr. Sarah Greenberg.)

Paragraph three, *"The Apostle Paul . . . saith."* What is this thing called love? Can the men in your group define it? Teenagers go through "puppy love" which is practically 100% self-centered. Young and older people often engage in "romantic love" where they endow the beloved with qualities he or she does not possess. When the bubble bursts, trouble usually follows. Real love is not centered on self. It doesn't say, *"I* love her because I get a thrill out of being with her and I like doing things with her." Notice the emphasis upon what *"I"* receive. Real love is self-less. The highest example of this is the love of Jesus for us. This paragraph points to the true meaning of love, the self-less giving to the beloved without thought of return. (See statement 1 of "Summary Statements".)

Paragraph four, *"The Apostle Peter . . . saith."* This is a new portion added

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to the marriage service in this new *Service Book and Hymnal.* It further points up desirable Christian characteristics for both wives and husbands.

Marriage Has Its Crosses to be Borne

Immediately following the biblical quotations comes a paragraph in the marriage service which at first hearing may seem out of place. It begins, *"And although, by reason of sin, many a cross hath been laid thereon."* Why talk about sin and hardships at a wedding? Because where there are humans there is sin—and where there is sin there are crosses to bear.

Read pp. 38-41 of *The Common Ventures of Life.* They point up the fact that where two people are joined as one there is also a multiplication of the results of sin. The accent in this part of the marriage service ought to be, however, upon the abundant grace of God which is ready to be poured forth on all married couples who in faith come to him with their problems.

The Marriage Vows

After opportunity is given for legal objection to the marriage (ask your pastor what the valid objections would in your state) the pastor puts the m riage vows to the couple. They are c tained in two paragraphs, each of wh is applied to both bride and groom. response to the first is simply, "I w while the second paragraph is repea in its entirety by both. In each vow th is material for hours of discussion. don't have hours, so guide your lea into selecting the most important phases. The vows themselves are pla stated and their meaning clear.

It is well to mention that at this p the church is functioning for the st Through the pastor and the attestatio the witnesses the state is assured these two persons are legally bounc man and wife. However, note that thrust of the marriage vows are thorou ly Christian in their implications. couple promise to live in marriage *cording to God's holy ordinance."* second marriage vow has been rephra for the new *Service Book and Hymn* order to make this clearer than in old service.

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ve and faithfulness to the vows made. a circle stands for eternity in Chris- symbolism, so the wedding ring is a tant visual reminder of the life-long n into which a couple enter on their ding day.

and Wife

he vows have been made, the rings n, now the pastor announces to all this couple is man and wife. The or does not "marry" the couple. tly speaking neither does he "join n together." The couple performs the of marriage themselves when they e their vows, the pastor acting as a ess for the state and as the represen- e of the church to ask God's blessing he marriage. This blessing he gives as couple kneel.

ou might discuss at this point what y constitutes a marriage in the eyes od. Is a clergyman absolutely neces- ? Is any official necessary who has legal right to "perform marriages"? ch persons are not necessary, why is sirable to have the wedding service he church?

Us Pray

he service closes with prayer and the diction. In the new *Service Book* e are two new wedding prayers which be used with the prayer for marriage is printed first. All three of these ers are excellent. Study them for a per insight into what a Christian ld pray for in marriage—grace to according to God's Word, greater fulness and love to each other, help ials, faith in God and fellowship with church, children, Christian homes.

he Lord's Prayer is said at the con- ion of the wedding prayers. It is the ersal prayer of Christians and should aid by all present at the wedding. For this reason it is not appropriate to have the Lord's Prayer sung as a solo. All present should pray and not have a singer, who sometimes wishes to show how he can hit the high notes at the end, do their praying for them. This is a marriage service, not a performance. Those who come should not be spectators but worshipers.

The benediction concludes the service. There is another alternate benediction in the new *Service Book*.

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Have you used "buzz groups" at your meetings? They work like this. Depending upon the size of your group divide the men into smaller buzz groups of about four or five persons each. Have a leader and reporter for each group. Assign one sub-topic to each group for discussion. Allow them 20-30 minutes. Then all buzz groups come together and each reporter gives his group's findings. General discussion can be moderated by yourself. It will help if the leaders

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of your buzz groups are prepared ahead time. Give them background materials this. If possible, you should meet with th before the night of the meeting.

The material is not meant to be at exhaustive. In fact, it is the intention the writer to make it impossible for leader to just "read the topic." Ins this material consists of thought starters references so that you and your helpers the panel or in the buzz group may l enough to start you on the way. Car preparation should produce an interes and enlightening program.

Every person at the meeting should h a copy of the *Service Book and Hym* References in the material are to page n bers in that book and the opening words paragraphs in the Order for Marriage.

Listed below are a number of bo which are suggested for background read There is one pamphlet listed that you wish to place in the hands of each mem Certainly each panelist or buzz group le should have a copy for his own use. entitled "Christian Guidance on Mar and Family Life" and is available at 1 copy from the Board of Social Mission the United Lutheran Church in Ame 231 Madison Avenue, New York 16, York. Send for your copies sufficiently so that they will be available for meeting.

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Christian Guidance on Marriage and Fa Life, published by The Board of S Missions of the United Lutheran Ch in America, contains both the Sum Statements on Marriage and Family and the study on which they were b Essential for good understanding of church's position on marriage.

The Recovery of Family Life by Elton Pauline Trueblood.

The Common Ventures of Life by Trueblood.

The Modern Book of Marriage by Levine, M.D. Published by Bartholo House, New York City.

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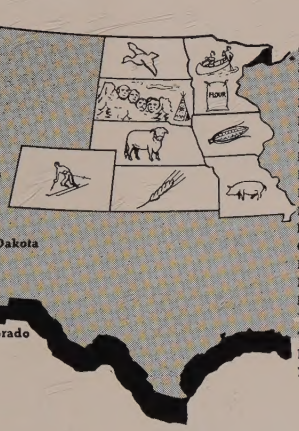

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